



The Mount Vernon Council of Citizens Associations, Inc.

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Dear Ms. Cox,

March 19, 2021

The MVCCA Board of Directors has considered your letter of February 15, 2021 on behalf of New Gum Springs Civic Association raising concerns about the admission to membership of Holland Court POA into the MVCCA.

As a non-profit, non-political entity incorporated under the laws of the Commonwealth of Virginia, MVCCA is obliged to admit to membership any entity which meets criteria as set forth in its bylaws.

“...Any citizens’ association geographically located within the Mount Vernon Magisterial District of Fairfax County, Commonwealth of Virginia, shall be eligible for membership, provided that (1) the citizens’ association is organized and operated for nonpartisan and noncommercial purposes, and (2) the citizens’ association represents at least ten housing units within a contiguous geographic area.” Art. III, Sec.1

The concerns you raise fail to demonstrate that these criteria were not satisfied. Thus, Holland Court POA was eligible for membership.

The Bylaws have no restriction on location, other than in the Mount Vernon Magisterial District, nor any restriction based on eligibility to join any other member association. Member associations are free to determine, modify or alter by bylaw, general usage or otherwise their own membership criteria and geographical reach, as well as the proper functioning of the entity. Indeed, MVCCA currently has other members whose physical location is within the “boundaries” of another entity.

MVCCA greatly values the participation of New Gum Springs as well as all our members recognizing that, while we may disagree on some details, our common concerns as citizens and

homeowners unite us far more often than they divide us. We hope Gum Springs and Holland Court will be able to come together and address any issues you may have so we may continue to move forward for the common good.

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cc: Holland Court POA